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Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket 96-45 DOBSON CELLULAR SYSTEMS, INC. SPIN 143011150; SAC 319912

Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

By Order dated November 10, 2005, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) expanded the area for which Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. (Dobson) is designated to serve as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the State of Michigan. The MPSC's Order granting the expansion of Dobson's designated ETC service area is enclosed herewith as Exhibit 1. Dobson's expanded service areas are expressly set forth in Exhibit A attached to the MPSC's November 10, 2005 Order.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314, the MPSC previously certified to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that all federal high-cost universal service support provided to Dobson in Michigan during the 2005 and 2006 calendar-years will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and

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upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The MPSC's high-cost certifications are enclosed herewith as **Exhibit 2**.

Pursuant to the FCC's recently amended regulations (47 C.F.R. §§ 54.307(d), 54.313(d)(3)(vi) and 54.314(d)(6)), the MPSC's certifications entitle Dobson to begin receiving high-cost universal service support for the Company's expanded ETC service areas effective as of the date of the MPSC's Order granting the expansion – November 10, 2005. (see attached **Exhibit A**). Accordingly, Dobson respectfully requests that USAC update its records to confirm Dobson's status as eligible to receive high-cost support for the Company's expanded ETC service areas effective November 10, 2005.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above number.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Michigan Public Service Commission

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

#### BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
DOBSON CELLULAR SYSTEMS, INC.,	)	
for expansion of its designated eligible	)	
telecommunications carrier service areas	)	Case No. U-14482
in Michigan.	)	

At the November 10, 2005 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. J. Peter Lark, Chairman

Hon. Laura Chappelle, Commissioner Hon. Monica Martinez, Commissioner

#### **OPINION AND ORDER**

On April 11, 2005, Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. (Dobson), filed an application to expand its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designated service area for universal support purposes to include certain additional rate centers acquired in a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved purchase of RFB Cellular, Inc., pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 USC § 214(e)(2).

Dobson requests that the Commission enter an order immediately designating the additional exchanges identified in Exhibit A, attached hereto, as being included in its designated service area and thus eligible for universal service fund (USF) support.

Finally, Dobson asserts that the Commission may act on its application without the necessity of a public hearing.

After reviewing Dobson's application, the Commission finds that it should be granted because the Commission is persuaded that inclusion of the additional exchanges in Dobson's ETC designation promotes the availability of universal service and is in the public interest. Moreover, the Commission concludes, as it did in its November 20, 2001 order in Case No. U-13145, p. 4, that "it need not solicit comment on the application, which would only further delay action on the application."

#### The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1991 PA 179, as amended, MCL 484.2101 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. The application filed by Dobson for designation as an ETC in the expanded service areas listed on Exhibit A for purposes of USF support should be granted, with the understanding that Dobson will comply with enhanced service requirements, as required by the FCC Report and Order 05-46, CC Docket 96-45, and the Commission's October 18, 2005 order in Case No. U-14530, after October 1, 2006.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the application filed by Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc., pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 USC § 214(e)(2), for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for purposes of universal service fund support in the expanded service areas listed on Exhibit A, is granted.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

	/s/ J. Peter Lark Chairman	
(SEAL)		
	/s/ Laura Chappelle Commissioner	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	/s/ Monica Martinez Commissioner	
By its action of November 10, 2005.		
<b>V</b>		
/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle Its Executive Secretary		

# EXHIBIT A DOBSON'S REQUESTED ETC SERVICE AREAS

NON-RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY WIRE CENTERS		
Non-Rural Telephone Company	Service Area Code	Wire Center
Michigan Bell Telephone Co	305090	BDAXMIMN BYPTMIMN CRNLMIMN CRSWMIMN CSVIMIMN ESCNMIMN FRGRMIMN GGTWMIRM GLDSMIGE LXTNMIMN OWNDMIMN PTSNMIMN PTSNMIMN ROCKMIMN RPRVMIMN SBWNMISB SNDSMIMN UBLYMIUB UNVLMIMN VSSRMIMN
Verizon North Inc. – MI	310695	CSCYMIXG CSVLMIXH DCVLMIXG EKTNMIXG HRBHMIXG KGTNMIXG MNCYMIXG

RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY WIRE CENTERS		
Rural Telephone Company	Service Area Code	Wire Center
CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc	310689	GLVRMIXG GRDNMIXG MNTQMIXG
Chatham Tel. Co., d/b/a TDS Telecom	310685	AUTRMIXI CHHMMIXI SKNDMIXI SNRVMIXI TRNYMIXI
Hiawatha Telephone Co.	310713	GDMRMIXI HWFRMIXI MNSGMIXJ SENYMIXI SHNGMIXI
Pigeon Telephone Company	310721	PGENMIXJ
Upper Peninsula Telephone Company	310732	CRNYMIXJ DNKNMIXI FLCHMIXI FNRVMIXI FTHRMIXI LKGOMIXI MHGFMIXI MRNSMIXI NLNDMIXI SMLKMIXI WLLCMIXA WTMQMIXI
Wolverine Tel. Co.	310738	FSTRMIXI MGTNMIXI MNGRMIXJ

Rural Telephone Company	Service Area Code	Wire Center	Service Area Redefined to Individual Wire Center Level
CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc.	310702	CAROMIXI KNDEMIXI MRLTMIXI PTASMIXI PTHPMIXI	Dobson Cellular Systems Inc. — Case No. U-14257 Effective February 2, 2005. (See Footnote 1, supra).

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J. Peter Lark CHAIR

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September 23, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A306 Washington, D.C. 20554 Ms. Irene M. Flannery Vice President, High Cost & Low Income Division Universal Service Administrative Company 2000 L Street, N.W., Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

Re: Certification of High Cost Support for Rural Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.314. CC Docker No. 96-45

The Public Service Commission of Michigan hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural carriers in this State will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop support (HCL), Local Switching Support (LSS) and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Attached is a list of rural carriers certified by the Michigan Public Service Commission pursuant to section 54.314 of the FCC's rules (47 C.F.R. §54.314), which requires states to establish an annual certification process for rural carriers receiving federal high cost support. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code (SAC), if known.

Very truly yours,

Orjiakor N. Islogu, Director Telecommunications Division

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c: Dan Kearney, MPSC

Lori Towers-Hoover, MPSC

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"Adopt and issue minute dated September 21, 2004, designating the following carriers as eligible telecommunications carriers for the purpose of receiving federal universal service funds to be expended in the year 2005, consistent with the Federal Communications Commission order in CC Docket No 96-45, and the New Rate Comparability Review Criteria, as set forth in 47 CFR 54.313 and 54.314. Further, each exchange is designated as a service area for this purpose. The certification granted in this minute is conditioned upon the Commission's reservation of its right to audit all expenditures of these universal service funds:

Company	Service Area Code
Ace Telephone Company	310704
Allendale Telephone Company	310669
AllTel Communications, Inc	319010
Baraga Telephone Company	310675
Barry County Telephone Company	310676
Blanchard Telephone Association, Inc	310678
Bloomingdale Telephone Co., Inc.	310679
Carr Telephone Company	310683
Centennial Michigan RSA 6 Cellular Corp.	319006
Centennial Michigan RSA 7 Cellular Corp.	319007
CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc.	310702
CenturyTel of Midwest-Michigan, Inc.	310671
CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc	310705
CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc	310689
Chippewa County Telephone Company	310680
Climax Telephone Company	310688
Deerfield Farmers Telephone Company	310691
Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc	319009
Drenthe Telephone Company	310692
Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc.	310682
Hiawatha Telephone Company	310713
Kaleva Telephone Company	310703
Lennon Telephone Company	310708
MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC	319004
Michiana Metronet, Inc	319008
Midway Telephone Company	310711
Ogden Telephone Company	310714
Ontonagon County Telephone Company	310717
Peninsula Telephone Company	310720
Pigeon Telephone Company	310721
RFB Cellular, Inc	319001
Sand Creek Telephone Company	310725

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Springport Telephone Company	310728
TDS: Communications Corporation of Michigan	310672
TDS: Chatham Telephone Company	310685
TDS: Island Telephone Company	310677
TDS: Shiawasee Telephone Company	310726
TDS: Wolverine Telephone Company	310738
Thumb Cellular	319005
Upper Peninsula Telephone Company	310732
Waldron Telephone Company	310734
Westphalia Telephone Company	310735
Winn Telephone Company	310737

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#### ERRATUM

On September 21, 2004, the Commission issued a Minute Action that certified carriers eligible to receive for use Federal Universal Service Funds. One service area code for the Chapin Telephone Company was not listed. The service area code and affiliated company name added to the list is:

Service Area Code:

Company Name

310694

Chapin Telephone Company

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Robert W. Kehres

Director, Regulatory Affairs Division

September 23, 2004 Lansing, Michigan

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